

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A floating water surface cover module for a water storage tailings facility comprising:
 - (a) a rim portion; and a cover portion;
 - (b) a plurality of closed air-filled buoyancy pockets spaced around the rim portion and associated with the rim and/or the cover portion for giving buoyancy to the module when in use such that the rim portion is substantially submerged in the water; and said
 - (c) a cover portion being configured to define an air space above the water when in use, said rim and/or cover portion being configured to allow the module to be nested within and stacked with like modules for storage or transportation and each pocket is configured to nest in a corresponding indentation in the cover portion and/or rim portion of a like module when the modules are stacked and each pocket in the cover and rim portions is an open pocket adapted to be closed by a lid fixed to the cover and rim portions to define a closed air-filled pocket extending from the rim portion such that, when in use, the cover portion is spaced above the water and defines an air space between the cover portion and the water and the cover portion having indentations spaced around a perimeter of the cover portion and that nest with the closed air-filled buoyancy pockets of like modules when stacked.

2. (Original) The module of claim 1, wherein the rim portion has an outwardly stepped formation which allows the cover portion and part of the rim portion of one module to nest within an overlying module to form a stack.

3-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The module of claim 1, wherein the cover portion is dome-shaped.

6. (Previously Presented) The module of claim 1, wherein the cover portion has a vent opening to equalise air pressure in air space within the cover.

7. (Previously Presented) The module of claim 1, wherein the cover portion, rim portion and a substantial part of each air-filled pocket is a unitary plastic molding.

8. (Previously Presented) The module of claim 1, wherein the height (h_r) of the rim and the depth (χ) of the freeboard portion satisfy the relationship:

$$0.1 \leq \frac{\chi}{h_r} \leq 0.3 \quad (1)$$

9. (Previously Presented) The module of 1, wherein the diameter to height ratio of the rim ($D:h_r$) and the diameter to height ratio of the domed cover ($D:h_d$) are between 5:1 and 25:1.

10-11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The module of claim 2, wherein the cover portion is dome-shaped.

13. (Previously Presented) The module of claim 2, wherein the cover portion has a vent opening to equalise air pressure in air space within the cover.

14. (Previously Presented) The module of claim 2, wherein the cover portion, rim portion and a substantial part of each air-filled pocket is a unitary plastic molding.

15. (Previously Presented) The module of claim 2, wherein the height (h_r) of the rim and the depth (χ) of the freeboard portion satisfy the relationship:

$$0.1 \leq \frac{x}{h_r} \leq 0.3 \quad (1)$$

16. (Previously Presented) The module of claim 2, wherein the diameter to height ratio of the rim ($D:h_r$) and the diameter to height ratio of the domed cover ($D:h_d$) are between 5:1 and 25:1.

17. (Currently Amended) The module of claim 31, wherein the height (h_r) of the rim and the depth (χ) of the freeboard portion satisfy the relationship:

$$0.1 \leq \frac{x}{h_r} \leq 0.3 \quad (1)$$

18. (Currently Amended) The module of claim 31, wherein the diameter to height ratio of the rim ($D:h_r$) and the diameter to height ratio of the domed cover ($D:h_d$) are between 5:1 and 25:1.

19. (Currently Amended) A floating water surface cover module for comprising:
(a) a rim portion; and

(b) a cover portion, said cover portion being configured to define when in use an air space above the water with the rim partially submerged in the water;:

(c) a plurality of closed air-filled buoyancy pockets spaced around the rim portion and associated with the rim and/or the cover portion for giving buoyancy to the module when in use; and said rim and/or

(d) a cover portion being configured to allow the module to be nested within and stacked with like modules for storage or transportation and each pocket is configured to nest in a corresponding indentation in the cover portion and/or rim portion of a like module when the modules are stacked and each pocket in the cover and rim portions is an open pocket adapted to be closed by a lid fixed to the cover and rim portions to define a closed air-filled pocket extending from the rim portion such that, when in use, the cover portion is spaced above the water and defines an air space between the cover portion and the water and the cover portion having indentations spaced around a perimeter of the cover portion and that nest with the closed air-filled buoyancy pockets of like modules when stacked.

20. (Previously Presented) The module of claim 19, wherein the height (h_r) of the rim and the depth (χ) of the freeboard portion satisfy the relationship:

$$0.1 \leq \frac{\chi}{h_r} \leq 0.3 \quad (1)$$

21. (Previously Presented) The module of claim 19, wherein the diameter to height ratio of the rim ($D:h_r$) and the diameter to height ratio of the domed cover ($D:h_d$) are between 5:1 and 25:1.